

DETAILED ACTION

Continued Examination Under 37 CFR 1.114

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on 4/18/2008 has been entered.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 7-11, 14, 15 and 20-26 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Matsliach et al., US pat. No.6,879,994.

As to claim 7, Matsliach discloses a method for providing usage information of a first web site designated by a user (tracking Internet usage of users), the method comprising:

receiving, from the user, a designation of the first web site as a monitored website, wherein the monitored website is any web site on a communication network (monitoring changes of internet usages from users, see figs.2B, 2D, abstract, col.11 line 24 to col.12 line 25),

monitoring usage of the monitored website and transmitting data representative of the usage to the user by way of a monitor window when user connected to other web sites, such that the user can simultaneously view the data representative of the usage and any other web site (using browser tracking module 42 fig.2B) (see col.12 line 26 to col.13 line 17 and col.14 lines 9-67).

As to claims 8 and 9, Matsliach discloses displaying to the user the usage information in a graphical format and in a text format (see col.16 lines 7-53).

As to claims 10 and 11, Matsliach discloses the usage information is displayed automatically to the user and displayed only upon a command generated by the user (see col.15 lines 10-54 and col.16 lines 7-53).

As to claims 14 and 15, Matsliach discloses a computer-readable medium encoded with processing instructions for implementing a method for providing usage information of a first web site designated by a user (a system for tracking users' Internet usage), the method comprising:

receiving, from the user, a designation of the first web page as a monitored website, wherein the monitored website is any web site on a communication network (monitoring changes of internet usages from users, see figs.2B, 2D, abstract, col.11 line 24 to col.12 line 25),

monitoring usage of the monitored website and transmitting data representative of the usage to the user by way of a monitor window (42 fig.2B) when the user is connected to other web site on the communication network such that the user can simultaneously view the data representative of the usage and any other web site (using browser tracking module 42 fig.2B) (see col.12 line 26 to col.13 line 17 and col.14 lines 9-67).

As to claim 20, Matsliach discloses an indication of a most-popular next-visited web site for the plurality of users, an indication of web sites visited by the plurality of users prior to visiting the first web site and an indication of when and for how long the plurality of users visited the first web site (see col.14 lines 9-67).

Claim 21 is rejected for the same reasons set forth in claim 1.

Claims 22-26 are rejected for the same reasons set forth in claims 8-11 and 20 respectively.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 7-11, 14, 15 and 20-26 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

5. Claims 7-11, 14, 15 and 20-26 are rejected.

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Khanh Dinh whose telephone number is (571) 272-3936. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday from 8:00 A.m. to 5:00 P.m.

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